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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT: KUAN YUNG NAMED AS ROC AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: TAIPEI 2701

1. APRIL 30 CHINA POST ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF (EDWARD) KUAN YUNG (7070/6978) TO THE NEW POST OF AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA. TAIPEI LOCAL PRESS HAD ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 26 THAT RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN ELEVATED TO EMBASSY LEVEL AND THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD APPOINTED THEIR CURRENT CONSUL GENERAL IN TAIPEI, WILLEM PRETORIOUS AS AMBASSADOR.

2. KUAN, AGE 50, WAS APPOINTED VICE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR HAVEING SERVED PREVIOUSLY SINCE 1972 AS DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA). KUAN'S EARLIER POSTS INCLUDE AMBASSADOR TO LESOTHO (1967-72), DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN
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AFFAIRS DIVISION IN MOFA, AND DEPUTY CONSUL IN HOUSTON

(1952-56). BORN IN TSINGKTAO IN 1925, KUAN ENTERED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1951. HE HOLDS A BA FROM FUJEN UNIVERSITY IN PEKING AND PURSUED POST-GRADUATE WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON.

3. KUAN ENJOYS A REPUTATION AS A VERY CAPABLE, LOW-KEY ADMINISTRATOR WITH WHOM THE EMBASSY HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED EXCELLENT RELATIONS. HIS ENGLISH AND THAT OF HIS WIFE, AMY IS VERY GOOD. AS YET KUAN'S DATE OF DEPARTURE FOR HIS NEW POST HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED.
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